

OUR MISSION

To strengthen the character and competence of America's youth.

OUR VISION

To see that every child in America has the fundamental resources he or she needs to be ready for college, ready for work and ready for life. These

Five Promises are that all children have the benefit of:

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Caring Adults

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Safe Places

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A Healthy Start

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Marketable Skills

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Opportunities to Serve

Research shows that young people who have access to these essential assets are less likely to engage in detrimental behaviors (like drug abuse and violence), and more likely to be optimistic and succeed in school.

LEADERSHIP

Alma J. Powell, Chair
Marguerite W. Sallee,
President and CEO

OUR FOUNDING

America's Promise–The Alliance for Youth was founded after the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997, where Presidents Bush, Carter, Clinton and Ford—with Nancy Reagan representing Ronald Reagan—challenged the nation to make children and youth a national priority.

That commitment was affirmed in 2001 by President George W. Bush.

The historic assembly in Philadelphia was convened by United Way of America, Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service.

Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell became the founding chairman of America's Promise, serving in that capacity until 2001.



AMERICA'S PROMISE

THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH®

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP TEAM FACT SHEET

Mobilizing Young Leaders:

The Youth Partnership Team is a select group of young leaders chosen to help lead the campaign for children and youth. Founded in 2001, the mission of the Youth Partnership Team within the Alliance is to heighten the impact and broaden the scope of youth voice and action at local and national levels in fulfilling the Five Promises.

Five Promises Ambassadors Network:

The Youth Partnership Team serves as a sounding board and provides leadership in partnership with America's Promise staff. In addition to representing the Alliance as spokespeople and trainers, team members are responsible for the implementation and facilitation of the Five Promises Ambassadors Network (SPAN).

Monthly Training:

Each month, two members of the Youth Partnership Team serve as the facilitators for the monthly training session—held via conference call or Web chat. These members are also responsible for the development of training materials like activity sheets or fact sheets, the evaluation of each call and facilitating subsequent message board discussion.

Peer-to-peer Leadership:

The Five Promises Ambassadors Network brings hundreds of young people in touch with the Five Promises. It is a peer-to-peer leadership and learning network that utilizes the best of web technology to help facilitate communication between young people all over the United States. Several hundred members have pledged their leadership and service to helping children and youth in their communities get what they need so they can ready themselves for college, work and life.

Traditionally, several members of the Youth Partnership Team have also held leadership positions within the organization by serving as full voting members of the America's Promise Board of Directors.

Call to Young Leaders:

The Youth Partnership Team maintains regular online communications, holds monthly conference calls and meets twice a year in Washington, D.C. for intensive retreats. They are eager to hear from, and work with, young leaders associated with other members in the Alliance for Youth.

For more information:

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We also encourage you to contact the current Youth Partnership Team via email at youthpartnershipteam@americaspromise.org.